

"(i) Subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall be implemented under regulations issued under section 5738 of this title.

"(f) For purposes of subsections (c), (d), and (e), the term "United States" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the territories and possessions of the United States, and the areas and installations in the Republic of Panama that are made available to the United States pursuant to the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements (as described in section 3(a) of the Panama Canal Act of 1979 (22 U.S.C. 3602(a))).".

Subtitle B—Miscellaneous Provisions

SEC. 1721. REPEAL OF THE LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.

(1) Section 1348 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—
 (2) by striking the last sentence of subsection (a)
 (2) by striking subsection (b); and
 (3) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (b) and (c), respectively.

SEC. 1722. TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE REGULATIONS.

Subchapter II of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, as amended by section 1716, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"§ 5738. Regulations

"(a)(1) Except as specifically provided in this subchapter, the Administrator of General Services shall prescribe regulations necessary for the administration of this subchapter.

"(2) The Administrator of General Services shall include in the regulations authority for the head of an agency or his designee to waive any limitation of this subchapter or in any implementing regulation for any employee relocating to or from a remote or isolated location who would suffer hardship if the limitation were not waived. A waiver of a limitation under authority provided in the regulations pursuant to this paragraph shall be effective notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter.

"(b) In prescribing regulations for the implementation of section 5724b of this title, the Administrator of General

Services shall
consult with the Secretary of the Treasury.
"(c) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe
regulations necessary for the implementation of section 5735 of this
title/".

SEC. 1723. CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) CROSS REFERENCES.—(1) Title 5, United States
Code, is
amended as follows:

(A) Section 3375 is amended—

(i) in subsection (a)(3), by striking out
"section
5724a(a)(1)" and inserting in lieu thereof
"section 5724a(a)";

(ii) in subsection (a)(4), by striking out
"section
5724a(a)(3)" and inserting in lieu thereof
"section
5724a(c)";
and

(iii) in subsection (a)(5), by striking out
"section
5724a(h)" and inserting in lieu thereof "section
5724a(g)";
and